

HARI Times...

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MAHA SHIVARATRI

Saturday, March 12, 2005

Maha Abhishek and Dinner: 5:30 pm

Devotional Music: 7:00 pm

Dinner Prasad Sponsored by Geeta & Shashikant Sakaria

HOLI CELEBRATION

Sunday, March 27, 2005

Variety Program 10:30 am

Lunch Prasad at Noon, Sponsored by North Indian Families

GUDI PADVA

Saturday, April 9, 2005 from 5:30 pm

Cultural Program 5:30 pm

Dinner Prasad 7:00 pm, Sponsored by Maharashtrian Families

SHRI RAMANAVAMI

Friday, April 22, 2005 to Saturday, April 23, 2005

24-Hour Rama Charit Manas Recital

The Rama Charit Manas recital will begin at 6:00 pm on Friday.

Purnahuti on Saturday 6:00 pm, followed by Dinner Prasad

Dinner Prasad Sponsored by the family of Shri Biharilal Parikh

SHRI HANUMAN JAYANTI

Sunday, April 24, 2005 from 11:30 am

Recital of Shri Hanuman Chalisa (108 repetitions)

Dinner Prasad 7:00 pm, Sponsored by Ashok & Asha Agarwal

MAHAVIR JAYANTI.

Sunday, May 1, 2005

Dinner Prasad 5:00 pm, Sponsored by

Jain Society Of South Central Pa

Followed by Cultural Program

COMMUNITY CORNER

IMPORTANT CONTACT INFORMATION	
Priest Service Requests for outside of HARI premises	Priti Patel
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ACTUAL DATES OF MAJOR FESTIVALS	
01-14-2005, Friday	Makar Sankranti / Pongal
02-13-2005, Sunday	Vasant Panchami
03-08-2005, Tuesday	Maha Shivaratri
03-25-2005, Friday	Holi
04-09-2005, Saturday	Gudi Padva
04-18-2005, Monday	Ramanavami
04-22-2005, Friday	Mahavir Jayanti
04-24-2005, Sunday	Hanuman Jayanti
05-11-2005, Wednesday	Akshay Tritiya
07-08-2005, Friday	Rath Yatra
08-19-2005, Friday	Raksha Bandhan
08-27-2005, Saturday	Krishna Janmashtami
09-07-2005, Wednesday	Ganesh Chaturthi
09-18-2005, Sunday to 10-03-2005, Monday	Pitr-Paksha (Shraddh)
10-04-2005, Tuesday to 10-11-2005, Tuesday	Navaratri Mahotsav
10-12-2005, Wednesday	Vijaya Dashami
10-20-2005, Thursday	Karva Chauth
11-01-2005, Tuesday	Deepavali (Diwali)
11-02-2005, Wednesday	Vikram Samvat 2062

PRIVATE RENTALS
March 26, 2005
April 3, 2005
April 16, 2005
May 14, 2005
May 28, 2005
July 16, 2005

EKADASHI, PURNIMA, AND AMAWASYA DATES

	March 2005	April 2005
Krishna Ekadashi	Vijya Ekadashi Sunday, March 6	Papmochani Ekadashi Tuesday, April 5
Shukla Ekadashi	Amalki Ekadashi Monday, March 21	Kamda Ekadashi Wednesday, April 20
Purnima	Friday, March 25	Sunday, April 24
Amawasya	Thursday, March 10	Friday, April 8

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A MESSAGE FROM HARI COMMITTEE

This great institution has served our community since 1975. This year will be a “**Year of Celebration**”, as we are approaching our 30th year. Please, look forward for “**Utsav**” in April, “**Bazar**” in June and “**Sri Lakshmi Puja**” in September, in addition to our traditional annual events.

This may be the time to reflect on our great success of the past and to contemplate on the present and the future of HARI with a growing needs and changing devotee profiles of our community. Two special Board Committees are looking into the “Long Term Self Sufficiency and Growth” in Operation and Finance. We request you to send your valuable input to Dr. Neelima Parikh on Operation and to Dr. Nirmal Joshi on Finance.

We are also in the process of making our HARI Temple Office as a central depository of all the required documents of the institution. We request you to assist our Executive Committee members to achieve this goal. We are finalizing plans on the “Donor’s Plaque” to recognize the donors of the “Temple Expansion Project” and the “Sri Hanuman and Peepal Tree” for the “HARI Trust Fund”.

The Executive Committee has undertaken the task of publishing the “HARI Directory”. We request you to send your individual and/or business sponsorships to Mrs. Priti Patel by March 31, 2005.

Finally, our membership drive is getting enthusiastic with a positive community response. Our target is to achieve above 500 members for the year 2005. We want to thank you, if you have already paid your 2005 membership. If not, please consider becoming a HARI member at the earliest and participate in the HARI activities.

Priti Patel
President, Executive Committee

Ray Kathiresan
Chairman, Board of Trustees

Our Solemn Sympathy

... To the family of Satyajit Saha who lost his beloved father Mr. Ranjit Kumar Saha on Sunday, February 6, 2005, in Bengal, India.

... To the families of Malti Thaker, Pradeep Vyas and Prakash Vyas who recently lost their beloved father Mr. Chunilal G Vyas on February 8, 2005, in Harrisburg, PA.

... To the families of Bhaskar Desai, Pushpa Desai, Navnit Desai, Bhanu Naik, Kishor Desai and Raksha Niak. The siblings have lost their beloved mother Smt. Gajaraben Desai on Tuesday, February 8, in Gujarat, India.

... To the family of Kirti Shah who lost his beloved father Mr. Kantilal M Shah on February 11, 2005, in New Jersey.

... To the family of Yamini H Doshi of York who lost her beloved father Mr. Hariyantbhai Jithka recently, in Mumbai, India.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

KARSEWA:

The Executive Committee has planned a Spring Cleanup *KARSEWA* at HARI on March 19-20 for both indoors and outdoors. Voluntary community service, in any form, holds a special significance in Hindu tradition. Sages have always preached Sewa, or selfless service, as a means to God realization. One who renders selfless service to community, attains the Lord's presence, says the scripture. Interested devotees are requested to contact Ray Kathiresan or Hiten Amin for participation and further details.

HARI DIRECTORY:

The new HARI Directory will be published this year. Devotees are requested to contact any Executive Committee members with their address and phone number updates. All names in HARI database will be listed unless your telephone number is unlisted / unavailable or you have specifically instructed the committee not to publish your name.

Individual and business sponsorship is encouraged to offset the printing cost of the new HARI Directory. Interested devotees are requested to contact HARI President Priti Patel for further details.

UGADI:

It is believed that the creator of the universe, Lord Brahma, began his wonderful creation on this auspicious day of Ugadi. On this day, people chant mantras and the pundits make predictions for the coming year. According to an ancient tradition, people used to flock to the temples to listen to the yearly calendar (panchanga-sravanam).

Date: Saturday, April 9, 2005

Panchanga-Sravanam: Starting at 10:30 am, followed by Aarti at 12:00 pm

TAMIL NEW YEAR:

Puthandu Vazthukal (Happy New Year) to all our Tamil brothers and sisters. HARI will observe a special New Year puja, please plan to attend.

Date: Thursday, April 14, 2005

Puja: Starting at 6:00 pm, followed by Aarti at 7:00 pm

TSUNAMI FUND:

Both HARI and AIACPA are raising funds for the Tsunami victims. A joint committee of AIACPA and HARI, headed by HARI Chairman Ray Kathiresan, is meeting regularly and will disburse funds to selected organizations in a near future. If you have not done so yet, please mail your contributions to HARI or AIACPA. In next HARI Times, we will publish Tsunami Fund donors.

YOUTH FORUM

Gem from Bhagavad Gita....

*Samah shatrau cha mitre cha tathaa maanaapamaanayoh;
Sheetoshnasukhaduhksheshu samah sangavivarjitah* (Chapter 12-18)

He who is equally balanced in the midst of friends and foes, same in praise and censure as well as cold and heat, to whom pleasure and pain are alike, and who is devoid of attachments (such a devotee is dear to me).”

Jewel from Yoga Sutras of Patanjali....

Tasya Vacakah Pranavah. (I-27)

The word expressive of Isvara is the mystic sound OM

A Sweet Lesson In Humanity:

Years ago, a 10 year old boy approached the counter of a soda shop and climbed on to a stool. “What does an ice cream sundae cost?” he asked the waitress. “Fifty cents,” she answered. The youngster reached deep in his pockets and pulled out an assortment of change, counting it carefully as the waitress grew impatient. She had “bigger” customers to wait on. “Well, how much would just plain ice cream be?” the boy asked. The waitress responded with noticeable irritation in her voice, “Thirty five cents.”

Again, the boy slowly counted his money. “May I have some plain ice cream in a dish then, please?” He gave the waitress the correct amount, and she brought him the ice cream. Later, the waitress returned to clear the boy’s dish and when she picked it up, she felt a lump in her throat. There on the counter the boy had left two nickels and five pennies. She realized that he had enough money for the sundae, but sacrificed it so that he could leave her a tip.

The moral: Before passing judgment, first treat others with courtesy, dignity, and respect.

Quotes & Quips:

“If you stop making outside noise, you start hearing God’s voice within.”

-Swami Satchidananda

“Whatever you desire, you will achieve if you have the will and determination.”

-Thirukkural (verse 666)

“Worry is a misuse of the imagination.”

“Anger is the only thing to put off till tomorrow.”

“Personality can open doors, but only Character can keep them open.”

– Famous Sayings

SPECIAL EVENTS

AREA YOUTH REUNION:

- Area Indian Community Youth Group 20-Year Reunion
- WHEN: Saturday, April 16, 2005
- WHERE: Duke’s at Riverside (old Gingerbread Man) on Front Street in Wormleysburg
- WHO: All who grew up in greater Harrisburg area
- AGE: 21+ only please
- CONTACT: Manisha Walia (Hasija) manisha72@aol.com or
Sushama Bhuta (Sahasrabuddhe) sushama72@hotmail.com

UTSAV:

A special HARI event / fundraiser is in planning, the details of which will be sent to you via separate mail. Artists who would like to participate in this program are requested to contact Nirmal Joshi. Dancers of all ages, male or female, are also needed for various program items. **Experience is not necessary but enthusiasm is a must...** Interested dancers are requested to contact Mala Williams at (717) 235-1234 (cell 891-2003).

ARCHANA

Archana is a puja performed to seek the blessings of the Lord. It can be performed at anytime; particularly on birthdays, anniversaries, and other personal special days (actual). For a token donation of **\$10.00 per person**, our Priest will perform *Archana* on the specified date and prasad will be mailed to your address. If you do not know the *Gotram* and the Birth Star, the *Archana* could still be performed on the *Janma Natchathiram*.

Name: _____
Last Name First Name MI (if any)

Address: _____

Tel. No: (____) _____ - _____
_____ @ _____

E-Mail:

Date of Archana (mm/dd/yy): ____/____/____ Gotram: _____

Note: If you do not know the Gotram and the Birth Star, the Archana could still be performed on the Janma Natchathiram.

Names for Archana to be performed

Birth Star

2005 HARI CALENDAR

DATE	EVENT	PROGRAM	SPONSORED BY
Sunday, June 5	HARI School Graduation	HARI School Program	Neelima & Mukul Pariikh
Saturday, June 18	Special Event	Bazaar	HARI Devotees
Saturday, August 27	Shri Krishna Janmashtami		Neelima & Mukul Pariikh
Saturday, September 10	Shri Ganesh Chaturthi		
Saturday, September 17	Special Event	Shri Lakshmi Puja	HARI Devotees
Tuesday, October 4 to Tuesday, October 11	Navaratri Mahotsav	Durga Puja Raas-Garbaa	N/A
Friday, October 7	Kolu Puja	Kolu Puja by HARI Devotees	N/A
Saturday, October 15	Dasherra	Durga Puja	
Thursday, October 20	Karva Chauth	Puja by Devotees	N/A
Saturday, November 5	Diwali	Diwali Annakot, HARI Annual Meeting	HARI Devotees

To sponsor any of the above events and/or dinner prasad at any of the above events, please contact Mrs. Shobhana Patel at (717) 766-6256.

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Have you visited our web page lately? If not then we urge you to check it out and let us know how you find it. Web Master Pallav Bhonde is doing excellent job in keeping up with the latest program updates and news. Kudos to Pallav for his many years of selfless service to the community ...

Devotees are encouraged to send creative comments using the contact link provided on the web page or via any committee members.

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Satyanarayan Katha

Friday, March 25 at 7:15 pm
Saturday, April 23 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.

Jain Swadhayay / Puja

Sunday, March 6 at 2:00 pm
Sunday, April 3 at 2:00 pm

Monthly Havan

Sunday, March 13 at 5:30 pm
Sunday, April 10 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.