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(Library), Ranga (Kitchen), Dhana (Kitchen)

Namasthe,

I welcome you as the President of the Executive Committee (EC) for the year 2010. Last year we celebrated Mahakumbhabhishekam of our temple successfully. My sincere thanks to all the devotees and volunteers who helped us to celebrate the event very successfully. All the post kumbhabhishekam work is now completed.

This year we are planning to expand the temple on the north and south sides. Shilpis will come back to build these two expansion projects after we complete the ground work and initial structure. We would like to pay off the loan taken earlier to buy the south side land before we start the expansion.

This year so far there is a decline in the renewal of annual sponsors. Temple is in need of funds to pay off the loan and for the expansion projects. I urge all of the 'annual sponsors' to renew for this year and encourage other devotees to become annual sponsors.

Sendil K. Rathinasabapathy, President.

Asset management committee

Chair : Vijaya Kumar Bhudhiraju

The funds that were invested in conservative funds of American Family have recovered by 90% and we hope shortly they will be fully recover in a few months with the dividends and appreciation of the stock value.

Building & Construction Committee

Chair : Jiwan Singla P.E.

Shilpis have left for India after completion of their work in the Temple. As you know they came here to finish the work for Mahakumbhabhisekam. They have done a good job. we wish them good luck. A few proposals have been received for North & South Expansions of the Temple to accomodate Sri Ayyappa and Sri Kanyakaparameswari Shrines. Design & Build Contractor will be

selected soon. The plans for Buildings & Class Rooms in the newly acquired land south of the Temple are in the process of being finalized. We will submit these plans to the St. Louis County. After their approval , Design and Build work will proceed.



Health Fair



Saturday, May 1st, 2010 from 9 AM to 2 PM
Free and Open to Public
At Mahatma Gandhi Center
717 Weidman Road, St. Louis, MO 63011

Organized by
The Hindu Temple of St. Louis, Gandhi Center and
Indian Medical Council

St Anthony's Medical Center sponsors blood test to screen for cholesterol, triglyceride levels, blood glucose (**must be fasting for at least 8 hours prior to blood test**).

Health Fair Provides the following and many more –

- Screen for anemia.
- Screen for prostate problems: PSA for males age 60 and above.
- General health checkup for both men and women.
- Consultation, screening and education for Diabetes, Heart Disease, Allergy, Lung disease, and Sleep problems.
- Cancer education.
- Consultation and screening for mental health.
- Healthy diet consultation.
- Vision screening and consultation.
- Orthopedic consultation and Osteoporosis screening (Bone Densitometry).
- Dental screening and education.
- St Luke's Hospital Mammogram Van on Site (8 AM : 1 PM) : Please bring insurance card as it is not free.
- Blood drive by Mississippi Valley Regional Blood Center in St Louis.
- Bone Marrow Drive by SAMAR (South Asian Marrow Association of Recruiters). Please register as potential donor.

For further information, please contact:
Dr. Ghosh, 314-997-7809; Dr. Naidu 314-229-8761;
Drs. Manepalli 314-452-4282 and Dr. Pai 314-439-8020



Indian Youth for Haiti

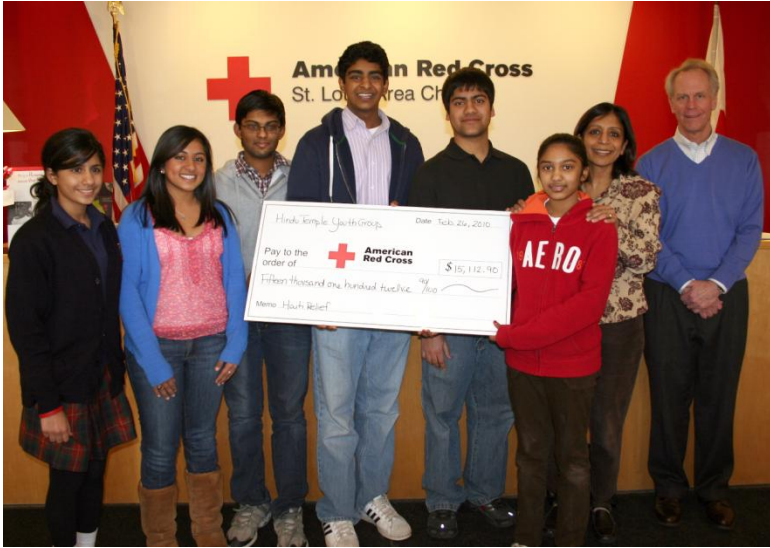
A Fundraising Dinner by the Hindu Temple Youth Group

By Chaya Gopalan, Coordinator, Hindu Temple Youth Group

Earthquake in Haiti and its aftermath moved the young minds of the Hindu Temple Youth Group who immediately approached the Humanitarian committee of the Hindu temple of St. Louis expressing their interest in raising funds for Haiti. The committee not only unanimously agreed but also extended great support. In addition, the temple's executive board provided wholehearted support by providing kitchen space, storage, and manpower.

The Gandhi Center offered to host the event on short notice in addition to donating generously. Lots of individual donors, and grocery stores such as Seema Enterprises, Global Foods, and India Bazaar, and restaurants such as House of India, Flavor of India and Mayuri, came forward with a variety of things to show their support. Mr. and Mrs. Odilon Queiroz from Anheuser Busch donated many wonderful items for the fundraising efforts. Ashoka, the Indian group from Washington University and students of St. Louis College of Pharmacy provided part of the cultural program. The guests and donors also enjoyed a comedy show by Indian Comedian Paul Varghese from Dallas TX. The fundraising efforts were further motivated by Arthur Hailand who shared the mission of the American Red Cross in rebuilding Haiti and Professor Jean-Germain Gross, from the University of Missouri, St. Louis, a native of Haiti who addressed the guests to give a personal narrative. With a generous effort from the Indian community, they were able to raise \$15,112.90 to American Red Cross to help rebuild Haiti.





Youth Members handing the check to American Red Cross (From Left to right): Ranjana Kodwani, Manisha Reddy, Ravi Kasinadhuni, Rishub Keelara, Mrigank Gupta, Arya Kasinadhuni, Chaya Gopalan and Arthur Hailand.



On behalf of Humanitarian committee, G.V. Naidu joined other volunteers in Port-au-Prince Haiti to help victims of the earthquake.

Cultural Committee Report

Chair : Anantharama Balachandran (Bala)

Nataraja Aradhana – February 13, 2010 (Saturday)

As Part of celebrations of Maha Shivarathri, The Nataraja Aradhana , was organized by the Cultural committee , with support from Abhinaya (Society for Promotion of Indian classical dance in St Louis). As is the practice , all the Indian Classical Dance Schools were invited to participate by having their students come and perform in the Temple basement , classical dance in praise of Lord Shiva. The Dance Schools that participated this year included, Nrithyalaya – Guru Sudha Srinivasan and her disciples, Kuchipudi Arts Academy – Disciples of Guru Sujata Vinjamuri and Nrithyakeshtra – Disciple of Guru Smita Rajan. The Program was presented by Mythili Bharadwaj , Cultural Committee Co Chair.



Thyagaraja Aradhana : May 22, 2010

Swami Thyagaraja Aradhana will be celebrated this year as is done in all the past years on May 22, 2010. This year , thanks to support from Sangeetha (Society for Promotion of Indian Classical Music) we will have the honor of the presence of a very established artiste – Shri Vijay Shiva, Disciple of Sangeetha Kalanidhi DK Jayaraman, leading the rendering of the Pancha Ratna Krithis. All Devotees and Gurus and Students of our Classical Music are welcome to join in the Thyagaraja Day on May 22, 2010.

Puja Committee Report

Chair : Ayyagari Rao Co-Chair : Sharad Parikh

The year started with Ganesha Puja for the New Year Celebration. Several hundreds of devotees came in a steady stream all day to obtain blessings.



Next, Makara Sankranti was celebrated with Sri Goda Devi Kalyanam (shown above) on Jan 14th. Prior to the Puja to Sri Satyanarayana Swami, on Rathasapthami day, utsavam procession took place.

Thai Pooasam celebration of Jan 29th drew large # of devotees who attended the Abhishekam of Sri Murugan. In the month of February, Maha Shiva Ratri was celebrated with Rudra Abhishekam, Bhajan-singing by devotees and Jagaran through the night. The evening started with Mahanyasa Rudrabhishekam performed at the main Shiva shrine and on a stage set-up in the main worship hall of the temple. During and after the abhishekam devotees also poured (next page) sacred and ceremonial water on a special Shiva Lingam placed in the worship hall.

Chandramana Ugadi is the first day of hindu new year as per the lunar calendar and as such it is celebrated in many regions of India with Ganesha Puja, wearing new clothes and eating a traditional chutney made of bitter neem leaves, mangoes, jaggery, tamarind

which represent the different phases of our lives and experiences. Fittingly, an over-capacity group of devotees attended the Ganesha Puja celebrated in our temple for this day. It was estimated that about 1000 devotees participated in the worship services.



They also stretched the capacity (see below) of our able Prasadam committee volunteers and also caused lot of parking problems. To avoid these problems, the management will probably decide to celebrate Ugadi at two different times in future.



The Puja Committee is hoping to improve the religious services and supports the following suggestions: 1. Please maintain silence during your visit to the temple. 2. Please oversee your children to make sure that they are not disturbing silence and puja rituals in the temple. 3. Sponsor Gaja malas for your favorite Diety (We are running low on these sponsorships). 4. Renew your Annual sponsorships promptly. 5. Make reservations through the Manager to save time and redundancy. 6. The Committee is open to any suggestion which will improve the religious services and the sanctity in the worship hall. Please inform the Chair or Co-Chair of this committee, through the Manager, or one of the priests.

UPCOMING TEMPLE FESTIVALS & EVENTS

Souramana Ugadi Ganesh pooja	April 14th 2010 Wednesday 7.00 PM (Annadanam at the end of pooja – Sponsorship \$150)
Pradosham	April 25th 2010 Sunday 6.45 PM
Satyanarayana Pooja	April 27th 2010 Tuesday 7.00 PM
Kanyaka Parameshwari Pooja (Mothers day)	May 9th 2010 Sunday 11.00 AM
Acharya Jayanthi	May 18th 2010 Tuesday 7.00 PM
Tyagaraja Aradhana	May 22nd 2010 Saturday 11.00 AM (Annadanam at the end of pooja – Sponsorship \$150)
Pradosham Narasimha Jayanthi	May 25th 2010 Tuesday
Vaikasi Visakham Murugan Abhishekam	May 26th 2010 Wednesday 7.00 PM (Annadanam at the end of pooja – Sponsorship \$150)
Satyanarayana Pooja	May 27th 2010 Thursday 7.00 PM
Hanuman Jayanthi	June 7th 2010 Monday 6.00 PM (Annadanam at the end of pooja – Sponsorship \$150)
Pradosham	June 23rd 2010 Wednesday 6.45 PM
Satyanarayana Pooja	June 25th 2010 Friday 7.00 PM
Srinivasa Kalyanam (TEMPLE 13th ANNIVERSARY)	July 6th 2010 Tuesday 7.00 PM (Annadanam at the end of pooja – Sponsorship \$150)

Temple Hours

Monday-Friday 9AM – 12:00 noon, 5PM - 8PM
Week-ends & major Festivals 9AM – 8 PM
Daily Services 9:00AM – Nitya Pooja

Other scheduled Services

Sunday, Monday	Rudra Abhishekam
Tuesday	Parvathi Abhishekam
	Durga Puja
	Hanumaan Puja
	Ramayan Paath
Wednesday	Dattatreya Abhishekam
Thursday	Shri Saibaba Abhishekam & Sai bhajans
Friday	Shri Mahalakshmi Abhishekam
Saturday:	Shri Venkateswara Subrabhatham
	Balaji Abhishekam
	Vishnu Sahasranamam

First Saturday of Every Month

Poolangi seva of Shri Venkateswara

Second Saturday of the Month

Ayyappa Abhishekam

Fourth Sunday of Every Month

Navagraha Abhishekam

Every Chaturthi

Ganesha Abhishekam

Shukla Trayodasi Pradosham

Rudra Abhishekam

Every Krittika Nakshatram

Murgan Abhishekam

Punarvasu Nakshatram

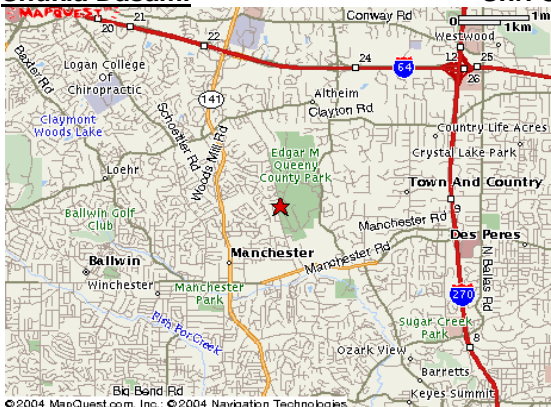
Shri Rama Abhishekam

Every Rohini Nakshatram

Shri Krishna Abhishekam

Shukla Dasami

Shri Sai Vratam



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