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NEW TEMPLE HOURS

Monday to	10:00 am - 12:00 noon	Aarti at 11 am
Friday	5:30 pm - 9:00 pm	Aarti at 8:00 pm
Saturday	9:00 am - 9:00 pm	
	Aarti at 12 noon & 8:00 pm	
Sunday	9:00 am - 8:00 pm	
	Aarti at 12 noon & 7:00 pm	

HTCC Regular Puja Schedule

Monday

Auspicious days for Shivji Puja.
Rudhrabishekam performed an hour before Arti.

Tuesday

Auspicious days for Hanuman Puja. Hanuman Chalisa is sponsored by Rao & Suvarna Ponnaluri, P.V.Narasimha Rao & Suvarnalakshmi, Kumkum & Krishna Bisarya, Ravikrishna Subramhanyam & Akkamma
Devotees may participate in Hanuman Chalisa chant before arti at 6:40 pm .

Thursday

Auspicious days for Sai Baba Puja. Archana and Arti 20 minutes before regular Arti

Friday

Auspicious days for Maha Lakshmi Puja.

Sunday

Melmaruvathur Adhiparasakthi Puja on every 3rd Sunday from 1 to 2 PM.
For details contact Chandralekha at 620-342-6639 or the Priest.

Pradosham puja and Siva Abhishekam

sponsored by Ravi and Jayadashri Kalluri, Aruna & Narayana Venugopalan, Uma & Raja, Priya & Manikandan Vembu, Mamatha & Sampath, Vijay Ainapurapu and Ganesh Thiagarajan & Loganayaki, Rathnakar Chinthala, Deepak Dave & Sonal Dave

Please contact Manager for scheduling any puja at Temple or at Home during temple hours in the morning on week days and any time on Saturday/Sunday. You can even email your information for scheduling puja

QUOTE of the Month

"Fears are educated into us and can, if we wish, be educated out."

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Suggested Charges for Puja and Priest Services

	At Temple	At Home
Archana (108 names of god blessings)	\$11
Vahan Puja	\$21	.....
Aksharabhyasam (beginning of writing)	\$21	\$51
Anna Prasana (first feeding)	\$31	\$51
Atma Shanti puja & Shradham	\$51	\$101
Sahasranama archana (1000 names of God)	\$31	.....
Namakaranam (naming of baby)	\$51	\$75
Mundan (Hair cut)	\$51	\$101
Satyanarayana puja & Katha	\$65	\$101
Abhishekam	\$65	
Puja at Temple	\$65	\$101
Grihapravesham + Havan (House Puja)	.....	\$101
Abhishekam with kalasa puja	\$101	.....
Havan	.....	\$151
Kalyanutsavam (Kanyadan for Balaji)	\$101	.....
Upnayana Sanskara (sacred thread ceremony)	\$101	.....
Baby Shower	\$151	.....
Sashti Poorthi Shanti (60th birthday)	\$201	.....
Vivah (Wedding)	\$601	\$351
Cremation Services/other services ****	\$101
Sponsor Puja

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COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

BAL VIHAR	SUMMER BREAK. Back in Session after the Labor Day.
YOGA PARIVAR	Every Sunday 9.30am to 10.30am Contact Dr. Vijay Kumar @913-894-6454
HINDI CLASS	Every Sunday 11.00am to 12.00noon Contact Swapnam Kumar@ 816-554-2454
HTCC LIBRARY	Every Sunday 10.30am to 11.30am Contact Venu Muluka at venu_muluka@yahoo.com
SUNDER KAND PATH	Tuesday, July 3rd, 6.30pm to 7.30pm Every First Tuesday. All are welcome to join "ek shaam Ram Ke naam". Contact Sanjay Kohli @ 913-327-1086
STUDY CIRCLE - BHAGAVAD GITA	July 1st & 15th, 2.30pm to 3.30pm Every First and Third Sunday . Contact Sudha Bathina @ 913-859-9120 Karantha Kunhody @ 913-492-0735
THIRD SUNDAY PUJA	July 15th at 10.30am
SOUP KITCHEN	July 30th Every Last Monday Contact Suma Hegde @ 913-491-1969
SUNDAY LUNCH	Please contact Prasad Committee Members. We thank the following May volunteers. 5/13 Anuradha 5/20 Jyoti Tata
AYYAPPA BHAJANS	Saturday July 14th Ayyappa Bhajans by KC Ayyappa Group. Venue: Temple main hall between 4.30pm and 5.30pm.

Health & Wellness Series Out of the Box

40 years ago when I was working in a Research Laboratory, four of us in the lab used to clear up the central desk and share a minimum 12 course (atleast 3 from each home) home cooked healthy food for lunch, thanks to the system of 'Dabbawallas' in Hyderabad.

During my travels this month in India, I saw an interesting article in a local newspaper saying, "In India where many traditions are being rapidly overturned as a result of globalization, the practice of eating a home-cooked meal for lunch lives on". The *dabbawalla* system has withstood the onslaught of office cafeterias, multinational food chains and hi-end restaurants.

To achieve this in a sprawling urban location, say Mumbai of 25 million people, where long commutes by train and bus are routine, the residents rely on an intricate, labor intensive operation that puts some automated hi-tech systems to shame. One *dabbawalla* commented, there is a service called FedEx that is similar to ours, but they do not deliver lunch.

At the heart of this unusual network is a chain of deliverymen called *dabbawallas* (dabba = lunch box; and walla = man). This system started during British period, about 125 years ago when workers from different regions flooded the cities. The *dabbawallas* made it possible for workers to bridge the distance between work and home and between regional food tastes.

The service is at once simple and complex. A network of *dabbawallas* pick up the boxes from customer's homes or from people who cook lunches to order, then deliver the meals to a local railway station. The boxes are hand sorted for delivery to different stations in central Mumbai, and then resorted and carried to their destinations. After lunch, the service reverses, and the empty boxes are delivered back home.

The secret of the system is in the colored codes, painted on the side of the boxes, which tell the *dabbawalla* where the food comes from and which railway station it must pass through on its way to a specific building. Rarely they are aware of the name of the person the food goes to. All they know from the code is the building and the floor number.

Variations of the lunch delivery system have sprung up in the USA, mainly in the larger cities, but are still very small.

With this one can have 'healthy home cooked food' and provide employment to thousands of people.

Hey doc, what is the red paste in your lunch box today?

Harinath Bathina

NEW PRIEST

Dear Devotees,



Please welcome Pundit Shri Srinivasacharyulu Mahendrada who is joining our temple from 20th of June 2007. Punditji will be coming from Andhra Pradesh, India to Kansas with his wife and children. Punditji had training in "Pancharatra Agama" practices and have passed the examinations Archaka Vara and Archaka Pravesa conducted by Department of Endowments, Government of Andhra Pradesh, India. He has knowledge in various poojas, Maha Kavyas and Jyotish Shastra. During his 16 years as Archaka, Punditji has worked for more than 5 years in Pittsburgh Sri Venkateswara Temple and Shree Mandir of San Diego before moving back to India. He can converse very fluently in Telugu, English, Hindi and Tamil. His experience as Archaka will benefit our community and Hindu Temple as he was involved actively as a Chief Priest in pranapratishthas of idols of several Hindu Deities as per traditions. He has introduced many community programs during his tenure in San Diego temple. He has also performed several Homas and Havans for various Deities; performed different Samskaras for several devotees and including Namakarana (Naming), Annaprasana and can conducted last rites (Shraddha and Apari Karma). He has Master degree in Arts (MA) in Telugu Specialization Andhra University, Vizag, Andhra Pradesh and passed Telugu Pandit examination and Visharada Examination. Hearty welcome to Pundit Srinivasacharyulu to our Kansas Community. Please take some time to talk to our new priest and extend any help that he may require during his initial settling time.

We also take this opportunity to appreciate the services rendered by Pundit Sri Sessa Sai Rompicharla who is moving back to Dallas, TX on 1st July 2007 to be with his Parents and in pursuit of new opportunities in Texas areas. We wish Punditji good luck in all his future endeavors and he will be greatly missed. We thank Punditji for his services in HTCC.

And again, we request all the devotees to make the best of all the services provided in the temple. Please contact, during temple hours; one of the Managers to schedule any poojas with the Shastri Rajindar Pandiyaji and Pundit Srinivasacharyulu.

Thank you...

Priest Committee - HTCC

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Youth Corner

Youth Group of Kansas City (YGKC)

Hey YGKC!! The Youth Group Committee hopes that you are all having a great and safe summer, especially with this extreme heat! Enjoy summer while it last...

Worlds of Fun

On June 16th YGKC took off for a fun filled day at Worlds Of Fun. We hope you had a great time and maybe even met some new friends. A BIG thank you to our chaperones Aabha Gorawara and Neena Patel.



They did an amazing job keeping up with us and hopefully had some fun at the same time!

A Musical Collage Of India's Independence – August 19th Sunday

We all celebrate US Independence Day on July 4th. Now its time to give a special tribute to India's Independence Day! Once again Youth Group and Hindi Class of HTCC are teaming up to host the Indian Independence Day Program. We will present pre-Independence, freedom struggle and post-Independence achievements. We will have skits, dances and an informational visual presentation pertaining to Independence Day. If you'd like to be perform in our program with a dance please contact a committee member. Please join with YGKC and HTCC's Hindi Class celebrate and learn more about India's independence!

YGKC T-Shirts

The Youth Group committee has recently decided to sell YGKC t-shirts. The t-shirts have "YGKC" on the front and "Brown Patrol" on the back. If you are interested in purchasing a t-shirt please call a committee member and we'll be more than happy to put your name on the list.

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Keep in mind eventually these shirts will be required for any big events YGKC participates in.

YGKC Volunteering

While most kids were sleeping Rohit Saha, Ayush Behre and Rutvik Date{YGKC committee members} were up early Saturday morning on June 9th, at the temple pulling out weeds and cleaning out the garden.



Thanks to them for stepping up and helping out the community. Part of teenage life is volunteering, and what better place to start volunteering than our Hindu Temple.

YOUTH GROUP MEMBERSHIP RECRUITING:

Youth Group is always accepting new members between the ages 6 and 18 years. Call up the Youth Group Committee to become a member or sign up at any of the Youth Group events.

There is a one-time membership fee of \$10.

YGKC Committee

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WHEN TO TURN TO SPIRITUAL WORLD

A question, "At what stage or age one should turn from materialistic world to spiritual world" was posed to the readers of Hindu Patrika, in July 2004, by Prakash and Kasturi Patro. One may, also, ask: "When should the parents initiate spiritualism in the lives of their children?"

Materialism and spritualism co-exist in our lives. Only in rare cases, you will find one without the other. There is the third factor - happiness - that provides motivation for both materialism and spritualism in . "How to be happy" is, itself, a tough question.

Materialism, alone, will not make a person happy. Bill McKibben, the Harvard - trained economist, documents that "our retail-addicted culture" has led to a "more is better" trend, but does not make people happy. Once measured to to have been the happiest citizens in the developed world, the United States is now number 23 according to a recent survey. In fact, McKibben has suggested to "Live Better With Less" (AARP magazine, May/ June 2007 issue).

But what is the sure way to make a person happy? Have a mission in life and pursue it vigorously. Instead of thinking of one-self all the time, see what you can do for others. Service to others has been consistently stressed in all cultures. President Kennedy addressed the nation to "ask not what the country can do for you, ask what you can do for the country." Mother Teresa's life is a model for the service of humanity.

AARP's founder, Ethel Andrus, tells of a person in search of a yogi to give him a mantra to lead a full and satisfying life. For this, he went to India where a mystic said: The mantra consists of only word to remember. The traveler jumped: what is it? "OTHERS. It is both the Alpha and omega of the true life. It translates to - Serve and not be served", replied the mystic.

Volunteerism is a strange profession. People say that you help others, but you benefit the most. The joy that you get in cleaning the temple floor or serving the guests at lunch is priceless. Just volunteer at some places and see how you feel. Surprisingly every person is able to volunteer in one way or the other; what needs is the will to volunteer. Being a volunteer is a sure way to happiness, and spritualism at the same time.

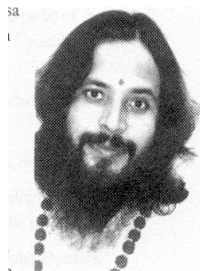
Materialism dominates one's life, out of sheer necessity of supporting one's family. But around the age of sixty-five, better a bit ealier, spritualism should be phased in, replacing materialism is our life. This is, about the age when most people retire, Social Security kicks in and people are free from the requirement of earning.

For spritualism in children's life, lead them by example. Indeed not much needs to be said. If the kids get used to "sharing" with others, that is a lot for them. Children learn more by seeing the parents than by hearing their lectures.

Prajnanavani

SITA RAMA KALYAN - Part - 3

The Garden Encounter



In the garden was a small lake and near the lake was a small temple of Parvati. Sunayana, the mother of Sita, the wife of king Janaka, sent Sita with her attendants that morning to worship the mother Parvati. Sunayana means one with beautiful eyes. Beautiful eyes are really those that seek God and find God. At this time, Sita came to the garden to worship when Rama was in the garden.

In Ramacharita Manasa, Tulasi das narrates that Rama and Sita looked at each other in the garden from a distance and there

was a flow of divine love between them. They knew each other from before. Tulasi das goes on to describe a conversation between Rama and Lakshmana and a similar conversation between Sita and her attendants expressing their love to wards each other. The difference between the incarnations and ordinary people is they know who they are, they come with a complete knowledge of the past and why they have come but we do not know who we are and therefore the troubles.

Dhanurbhanga- Breaking of the Bow

On the day of Dhanusha yajna elaborate arrangements were made in Mithila. There were allotted seats for the kings according to their ranks; similar arrangements were made for the saints and sages, for the Brahmins, and for the other guests and citizens. Commencements were made with appropriate prayers for auspiciousness and Janaka the father with folded hands announced the purpose of the congregation. He expressed his wish and his condition for the wedding of his daughter Sita. The great Bow of Shiva, The haradhanu was shown to all present.

There is a story that at that time Ravana, the king of Lanka who happened to be going over Mithila in his spacecraft, *puhspaka vimana* looked down and came down to see what was happening. When he found out the reason for the celebration and the condition for marrying Sita at first he was angry that he was not invited for the occasion. He questioned Janaka why he was not invited and Janaka replied that an invitation was indeed dispatched through his minister. Then Ravana of great ego demanded the minister to be called. The minister said the invitation was given to a messenger. Then the messenger was called in. When questioned about the invitation the tactful messenger said, "I could not reach your kingdom as it was surrounded by the sea but knowing your greatness I left the invitation in the sea to be forwarded to you by the sea. Ravana who was appeased, then said he would participate in the contest of lifting the bow to win the hand of Sita. Janaka was worried of what would happen if Ravana succeeded in lifting the bow. It would be a disaster if a person with the ego of Ravana would get spiritual energy. It is a dangerous for an egotistical person to have power. The story goes on that when he was about to lift up the bow, Parvati the consort of Shiva asked the attendants of Shiva to make the bow heavier to stop Ravana from lifting it. In a subtle way this was done and when Ravana attempted to lift the bow, he fell down. His ego was hurt and he immediately left the place. When Ravana could not lift the bow most kings were discouraged even to try.

To be continued...

(Reprinted from the book RamaKatha for copies of the book contact Sudha Bathina)

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Dharma Camp 2007
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of Kansas City
6330 Lackman Road,
Shawnee, KS 66217

or Send Email to
htccofkc@yahoo.com
subject: Dharma Camp

**Enrollment not accepted after:
July 28, 2007**

Last Name: _____

First MI: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Age: _____

Address: _____

City, St, Zip _____

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Father's Name: _____

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Emergency contact Name &
Phone: _____

We all go through the motions...fold our hands, bow our heads, and chant the prayers. Do you ever ask *why*?

Come ask *why* at Dharma Camp 2007 to be held on

Wednesday, August 1st, 2007
from 8am to 4pm at Hindu Temple and Cultural Center of Kansas City.

Dharma Camp 2007 is an opportunity for children and youth to explore the philosophy and rituals of our religion. This camp is targeted to ages (8+).

Absolutely no one under 8.

Younger children will be engaged in learning about our rituals and prayers through:

- Arts and crafts
- Legendary stories and myths
- Music and bhajans
- Pictures and geography

Older children will explore the symbolism and meaning of our religion through:

- Discussion of symbols
- Moral debates
- Creative arts and crafts
- Games and activities

DEADLINE for enrollment: **July 23rd**
REGISTRATION* FEE IS: FREE.

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From July 24th to 28th with late fee \$7

*Please note: Donations are accepted to support the camp expenses (including breakfast, lunch, supplies and prizes).

Please donate generously.

For exceptions, please contact:

- Pratibha Trivedi 913-829-5470
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India pre-independence, its freedom struggle and its current status.

Date: August 19, 2007

Time: 4:00pm - 6:00pm

So you think you know a lot about India? Why not test your self by being a part of our "Who wants to be a millionaire" game show. A special part of this times Independence day celebration. Once again Youth Group and Hindi Class of HTCC are teaming up to host the Indian Independence Day Program. We will present pre-Independence, freedom struggle and post-Independence achievements. We will have



Location:
Hindu Temple Basem
6330 Lackman Road
Shawnee, KS 66217

skits, dances and an informational visual presentation pertaining to Independence Day. Please join us- we will have snacks and food

PROUD MOMENTS

Kavya Shivashankar:



Kavya Shivashankar who goes to Regency Place Elementary School in Olathe KS, recently participated at the Scripps National Spelling Bee held in Washington DC. The National Spelling Bee is held at the Grand Hyatt in Washington DC every year during the Memorial Day week. Regional spelling bee champions from all over the country including Puerto Rico, The Virgin Islands and Jamaica converge at this event. This year there were 286 participants at the national event that started with an estimated participation of 11 million children at the regional and school level. Kavya tied for 8th place at this year's contest. This was the second straight year that Kavya participated at the bee. She had tied for 10th place last year.

Regarding the plaque -- 8th Place, Scripps's National Spelling Bee held in Washington DC, on May 30 and 31, 2007

Sunil Iyer: (From his parents)



Sunil Iyer became interested in the Geography Bee when he won his first school Geography Bee in fourth grade but he began studying in the right earnest after winning the school bee on 5th grade and qualified for the state. His persistence paid off when, in sixth grade, he not only won the State Bee but was placed fourth at the national level. This year, he repeated his win at the state and was placed second at the national level. His success should be credited to his diligent study habits. His ability to perform in front of an audience, another component that is critical, was greatly helped by his participation in the spelling bees held by the North South Foundation and competitions held by other interested volunteers in the Kansas City area. We want to thank the entire community for their encouragement and support during all these years.

Hindu temple fosters values

You are a Hindu priest in Kansas City. What brought you here? What do you do? And can you help me sort out various terms for religious leaders?

I put such questions to the two priests at the Hindu Temple and Cultural Center of Kansas City in Shawnee. The Temple began in 1991 and its growth now requires plans to expand the building.

Shastri Rajendra Pandya and Seshasai Rompicharla both come from priestly families in India.

Pandya, born near Gandhi's home town of Porbandar, saw the spreading of his faith and culture to the West and recognized the need Hindus here have for priestly services. Before coming to the US, he served in Canada.

Rompicharla has several family members also serving in the West. He comes to Kansas City from Dallas.

A Hindu priest offers puja, rituals of divine homage, on behalf of individuals and families as they come to the temple throughout the week, for which his exacting knowledge of Sanskrit is required.

He may also perform such services for the sick, to dedicate a new house, and to preside at weddings and funerals.

Rompicharla says "God is one but takes many different forms," just as we may dress differently for different occasions. Thus a priest may offer puja for one family who favor the god Vishnu or another family who favor Shiva.

A priest does not give sermons. And Hindus do not seek to convert others to their faith. Still, Pandya values his the wisdom of his ancient culture, that we are to help one other.

Rompicharla associates five values with the English name for his faith: H-honesty, I-integrity, N-nobility, D-devotion, and U-unity.

Now for some terms, alphabetically.

An acarya is a professor, especially one learned in the tradition of the Vedas (the most authoritative sacred scripture).

In olden days, Brahmins were members of the priestly caste. Highly educated and ritually pure, their scope was great, from practicing law to cooking for others. Nowadays, anyone may do such things except be a temple priest.

A guru is a teacher and often specifically means a personal spiritual guide.

A pandit is a master or a scholar who conserves classical Sanskrit traditions of ritual, philosophy and literature. The term may also be applied to any learned person. The meaning has been corrupted in its popular American use as "pundit."

The rishis are the ancient seers.

Swami literally means owner or master and is a title offered out of respect for a teacher or holy person.

Vern Barnet does Interfaith work in Kansas City. Reach him at vern@cres.org.

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Income	
Hindi Class	760.00
Cultural Center	19,861.00
Donation	10,097.79
Hall Rent	190.00
Membership	331.00
Puja	3,597.00
Soup Kitchen	277.00
Other Income	2,443.46
Saree Sale	649.00
Youth Group	3,227.00
Total Income	41,433.25
Expense	
Contract Labor	3,225.00
Capital Expense	139,691.80
CreditCard Temple	200.07
Food	1,775.59
Miscellaneous	50.00
Insurance	3,223.07
Petty Cash	500.00
GAS Service	294.86
KCPL	566.43
Maintenance	393.84
Taxes	40.00
Telephone	119.52
Utilities	31.96
Total Expense	150,112.14
Net Ordinary Income	-108,678.89

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Jagannath Rathyatra

July 16, 2007
Monday
Evening

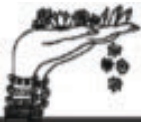
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- Followed by Aarti
- Prasad will be served after Aarti

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JUL	29	SUN	Guru Poornima
AUG	12	SUN	Divaso
AUG	27	MON	Onam
AUG	28	TUE	Rakhi
SEP	3	MON	Sri Krishna Janmashtami
SEP	5	WED	Nand Mahatosav
SEP	15	SAT	Ganesh Chaturathi
SEP	27	THUR	Sraadh begin
OCT	12	FRI	Asuj Navratras begin
OCT	21	SUN	Dussehra
OCT	25	THUR	Sharad Purnima
OCT	29	MON	Karva Chauth
NOV	6	TUE	Vagh Baras
NOV	7	WED	Dhan Teras
NOV	9	FRI	Diwali
NOV	10	SAT	Govardhan Puja
NOV	11	SUN	Bhai Beej
NOV	15	THUR	Labh Pacham
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