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Dear Devotee,

I accept this position of great responsibility and service with all humility and pray to the almighty to guide me and my team of 2010 in this noble endeavor. My Guru has always said that there is always a reason behind every step in life. We meet people because of *rinanubandh* i.e. debt of the past life. With the same belief I accept this position.

Our temple is something we can all be proud of. I want to take this opportunity to thank all the founding members of our temple; it is their vision and foresight that has given us this spiritual home. The Hindu community will forever be indebted to them. Our temple has come to represent many things to our patrons. It is a place of worship and a religiously sanctioned site for performing various Samskaras. It also serves as a resource for exegetical education for some, specially our children. In 2010 we have tall plans to accomplish large goals that require support from everyone in our community.

As Hindus, it is a part of our mandate to serve God and serve mankind. Under Hinduism, it is important for us to provide service to community and society and to use our own hands for some righteous purpose. This is the fundamental purpose of Volunteering and it is beneficial for us individually to contribute, so that we collectively would help to sustain Sanatan Dharma being strong and help uphold each other's lives more compassionately. It is therefore HTCC's endeavor to bring an opportunity for every devotee to be part of the Sevak drive for the up-liftment of our spirits and spiritual goals.

So next time when you visit the temple, please notice the front gates that are functioning properly, the spacious parking lot is well paved and lit, the sacred sanctum area of the Lord(s) is spotless and the temperature is just right for you to begin your prayers. At that point, do not feel shy to offer help, it is the first step towards your spiritual up-liftment.

Do you know your membership helps us to keep the Temple clean, pay utility bills and even helps us to maintain the yard. Therefore, I earnestly

request you to become HTCC member today. Every penny of your annual membership is well spent.

According to Hinduism, food is verily an aspect of Brahman (*Anam Parabrahma Swaroopam*). Offering food is a mark of self surrender and devotion. It helps to uplift our spiritual goals. At HTCC there are openings for Sunday lunch sponsorship. Please join with your friends and family and sponsor a lunch.

If you believe in the mantra "You cannot improve what you cannot measure", then we encourage you to provide us your candid feedback. And due to the nature of involvement in handling the feedback, we will only be able to entertain feedbacks that are submitted in writing or submitted online on htccofkc.org.

Patrika will have a new look starting February. Please stop by manager's office to check out a sample version. Temple website is having a makeover with more information available online. Do not forget to send us your feedback.

I have lot more to share that I will bring it up in next few months. One thought that always comes to my mind is the task to share the wealth of our religion and culture with the youth. In this regard we have plans to introduce programs and engage the youth group in some manner. If you have any ideas, please share it with us.

As they say a journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step and my team has taken the first step, please walk with us to make a mile. We encourage you to invest your time into temple activities and help us realize the dream that we all have envisioned.

Wishing all the devotees of HTCC a very Happy New year. May the lord shine on your family with His bountiful grace.

in Him,

Ravi Mehra

President HTCC - 2010

TEMPLE HOURS

Day of the Week	Time	Note
Monday - Friday	10:00 AM - 12:00 Noon	Aarti at 11:00 AM
Monday - Friday	5:00 PM - 8:30 PM	Aarti at 8:00 PM
Saturday	9:00 AM - 8:30 PM	Aarti at 12:00 Noon & 8:00 PM
Sunday	9:00 AM - 8:30 PM	Aarti at 12:00 Noon & 8:00 PM

HTCC Regular Puja Schedule

Monday

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

Tuesday

Auspicious day for Hanuman Puja

Devotees may participate in Hanuman Chalisa chant before Aarti 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.

Saturday

Ayyappa Bhajan on every 2nd Saturday 5pm to 6pm

3rd Sunday

Satyanarayana Puja and Melmaruvathur Adhiparasakthi Puja

Pradosham puja

Auspicious day to do Shiva Abhishekam.

Dear Devotees,

Thank You all for your support to me as the Editor of Hindu Patrika during the past few months in the year 2009. I enjoyed making the patrika each and every month. I thank my wife and kids who helped each month in putting the address labels and the tabs on each patrika. With out their help it could not have been possible to get the patrika in time to you. I also thank Sai Chimalakonda and his family and also Pratibha Trivedi, Kamalesh Trivedi, Sandeep Mehta and Vijay Aainapurapu for their help.

Thank You.
Sridhar Harohalli

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Current Charges For Puja and Priest Services

	At temple	At home
Abhishekam	\$75	—
Abhishekam with kalasa puja	\$101	—
Aksharabhyasam (beginning of writing)	\$75	
Anna Prasana (first feeding)	\$51	\$101
Any other Puja (< 2 hours duration)	\$65	\$151
Archna (fruits provided by Temple)	\$11	-
Atma Shanti/Tarpanam	\$31	\$101
Baby shower.	\$151	\$201
Barsi/Annual Ceremony	\$251	\$301
Cremation services	—	Your
Devotion		
Grihapravesham & Sri Sathyanarayana Puja/Katha	—	\$301
Grihapravesham (house warming) only	—	\$151
Havan	\$101	\$151
Hiranyasradham	\$75	\$101
Kalyanutsavam (Kanyadan) – Individual	\$151	—
Mundan (Hair offering)*	\$75	\$151
Namakaramam (naming of baby)	\$51	\$101
Navagraha Archna- One Graha only	\$21	—
Navagraha puja.	\$101	\$201
Sahasranama Archna	\$51	—
(1000 names of God)		
Sri Sathynarayana Puja/Katha	\$75	\$151
Samohika Satyanaryana Puja/Katha	\$31	-
Sashti poorthi shanti (60 th birthday)	\$201	\$251
Satyanarayana Puja & Basement Rental	\$175 (4 hours)	
Sponsor Puja	—	— **
check with priest/manager.		
Upnayana Sanskara	\$251	\$351
(Sacred thread ceremony)		
Vahan puja	\$31	-
Vivah (Wedding)#	\$701	\$501

* HTCC will not be responsible in arranging the haor stylist.

Basement Hall inclusive.

Note. Minimum charges for any puja performed outside Hindu Temple. \$101

Any Puja performed outside KC Metropolitan area \$251

Above suggested charges do not include Dakshina (donation) to the priest and it should not be less than 25% of suggested service charges.

All pujas booked in Advance should be paid in advance. One cancellation or postponement permitted. For more than one cancellation/postponement 50% of the service charge will be deducted before any refund is made.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

BAL VIHAR	Every Sunday 9.30am to 10.30am. Contact Ms. Anu Rajesh @913-310-0813
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 at
SUNDER KAND PATH	6.30pm to 7.30pm Every First Tuesday. All are welcome to join "ek shaam Ram Ke naam". Contact Sanjay Kohli @ 913-327-1086 Every third Sunday, Sathyanarayan Puja will be held at 10:30 a.m
AYYAPPA BHAJAN	Every Second Saturday 5pm to 6pm
SOUP KITCHEN	Last Monday of Each Month Contact Suma Hegde @ 913-491-1969
SUNDAY LUNCH	Lunch will be available from 10.30 am to 1.30 pm. Please contact Manager for details.

Sathyanarayana Katha and Puja

Event : Sunday Sathyanarayana Katha and Puja
Date and Time : January 17th 10:30 AM - 12:00 noon

Hosted by Prakash & Kasturi Patro Family
Community is welcome and invited to join the puja.
Prasad and Lunch will be served to **all** after Aarati
Please contact 913-681-8469 for more details

Festivals/Pujas/important Days Observed at HTCC in 2010*

Date	Month and Event	Type of Puja
January		
1	NEW YEARS DAY	
4	SANKATAHARA CHATHURDI	Ganesh Abhishekam
9	MAKARAVILAKKU & KETTUMURUKU	Puja 5.00 - 8.30 pm
13	BHOGI/LOHRI	
13	PRADOSHAM	Shiva Abhishekam
15	AMAVASYA	
	MAKRA SANKRANTI/	
16	UTTARAYANAM Begins	Makava Vilakku Puja
16	BALAJI MAHA KALYANOTHSAVAM	
16	GODHA KALYANAM	Balaji Wedding Ceremony
20	SHRI PANCHAMI	
	RADHA SAPTHAMI/	
22	SURYA JAYANTHI	
24	REPUBLIC DAY INDIA CELEBRATIONS	
26	REPUBLIC DAY INDIA	
26	BHEESHMA EKADASI	
26	KRITTIKA	Kartikeya Abhishekam
30	POORNIMA	Shri Sathyanarayana Puja
February		
2	SANKATAHARA CHATHURDI	Ganesh Abhishekam - Samoohika
12	MAHA SIVARATHRI	Siva Puja Abhi
12	PRADOSHAM	Shiva Abhishekam
12	YGKC Dance-a-thon / Lock-in Party	
13	AMAVASYA	
21	KRITTIKA	Kartikeya Abhishekam
21	YGKC Bowling with IAKC	
27	JAIN CHAUMASI CHAUDAS-1	
27	HOLI - SHRI SATYANARANA PUJA	Shri Sathyanarayana Puja
28	HOLI/POORNIMA	Mela & Bonfire
March		
4	SANKATAHARA CHATHURDI	Ganesh Abhishekam
13	SHANI TRAYODASI	
14	PRADOSHAM	Shiva Abhishekam
15	AMAVASYA	
16	UGADI/GUDI PADAVA	Asthana Puja
21	KRITTIKA	Kartikeya Abhishekam
22	JAIN AYAMBIL OLI-1 START	
	SHRI RAMA NAVAMI/SITARAMA	
24	KALYANOTSAM	
27	AKANDA RAMAYAN PATH	Starts @ 10.00 am
27	YGKC Talent Show	
28	AKANDA RAMAYAN PATH	Ends with Aarti @ noon
28	LORD MAHAVIR JANMAKALYANAK	

29	CHAITRA POORNIMA (Hanuman Jayanthi)	Shri Satyanarayana Puja - Samoohika
30	JAIN AYAMBIL OLI-1 END	
TBD	YGKC North - South Spelling Bee	

Date	April	
2	SANKATAHARA CHATHURDI	Ganesh Abhishekam
12	PRADOSHAM	Shiva Abhishekam
13	BAISAKHI TAMIZH PUTHANDU (TAMIL NEW YEARS DAY)	
14	/VISHU/AMAVASYA	
17	KRITTIKA	Kartikeya Abhishekam
28	POORNIMA	Shri Satyanarayana Puja

Date	May	
2	SANKATAHARA CHATHURDI	Ganesh Abhishekam
7	TEMPLE ANNIVERSARY	
12	PRADOSHAM	Shiva Abhishekam
13	AMAVASYA	
14	KRITTIKA JAIN AKHATRIJ/ AKSHYA TRITHIYA	Kartikeya Abhishekam
16	SHANKARACHARAYA JAYANTHI	
17	RAMANUJACHARAYA JAYANTHI	
18	EKADASI/MAHA SATYANARAYANA	
24	KALYANAM	
27	POORNIMA	S. SNP
31	SANKATAHARA CHATHURDI	Ganesh Abhishekam
TBD	YGKC Desi Olympics	

Date	June	
6	HANUMAN JAYANTHI	
10	PRADOSHAM	Shiv Abhi.
11	KRITTIKA	Kartikeya Abhishekam
12	AMAVASYA	
22	NIRJALA EKADASI	
26	POORNIMA	S. SNP
30	SANKATAHARA CHATHURDI	Ganesh Abhishekam

Date	July	
4	INDEPENDENCE DAY USA	
8	KRITTIKA	Kartikeya Abhishekam
10	PRADOSHAM	Shiv Abhi
11	AMAVASYA	
13	JAGANNATH PURI RATH YATRA	Sp Celebration
17	DAKSHINAAYANAM STARTS	
25	GURU POORNIMA	Shirdi Sai Spl Puja
25	JAIN CHAUMASI CHAUDAS-2	
28	SANKATAHARA CHATHURDI	

Date	August	
4	KRITTIKA	Kartikeya Abhishekam
7	SHANI TRAYODASI	
8	PRADOSHAM	Shiva Abhishekam
10	AMAVASYA	
14	NAAGA PANCHAMI	
15	INDEPENDENCE DAY INDIA	
20	VARALAKSHMI VRATHAM	Spl Puja- Lakshmi
21	SHANI TRAYODASI	
24	RAKHI POORNIMA	Shri Satyanarayana Puja
24	RAKSHA BANDHAN	
27	SANKATAHARA CHATHURDI	Ganesh Abhishekam

Date	September	
1	KRISHNA JANAMSHATMI	Spl Puja
1	KRITTIKA	Kartikeya Abhishekam
4	JAIN PARYUSHAN DAY-1	
5	JAIN PARYUSHAN DAY-2 LABOR DAY/	
6	JAIN PARYUSHAN DAY-3	
7	JAIN PARYUSHAN DAY-4	
7	PRADOSHAM AMAVASYA/	Shiv Abhi
8	JAIN PARYUSHAN DAY-5	
9	JAIN PARYUSHAN DAY-6	
10	JAIN PARYUSHAN DAY-7	
11	JAIN PARYUSHAN DAY-8	
12	VINAYAKA CHAVITHI	Spl Puja
22	ANANTHA PADMANABHA VRATHAM	
23	POORNIMA SHARAD BEGINS/ MAHALAYA PITRU	Shri Satyanarayana Puja
24	PAKSH	
26	UNDRALA THADIYA	
27	SANKATAHARA CHATHURDI	Ganesh Abhishekam
28	KRITTIKA	Kartikeya Abhishekam

Date	October	
6	PRADOSHAM	Shiva Abhishekam
7	AMAVASYA	
8	DURGA NAVARATRI BEGINS	
13	SARASVATHI PUJA	
15	JAIN AYAMBIL OLI-2 START	
15	DURGA ASHTAMI	
16	MAHA NAVAMI	
17	VIJAYA DASHMI/DUSHERA	
18	EKADASI	
22	SHARADH POORNIMA	Shri Satyanarayana Puja
23	JAIN AYAMBIL OLI-2 END	
25	ATLA TADHI	
25	KRITTIKA	Kartikeya Abhishekam

27	KARVA CHAETH	Samhohika Puja
27	SANKATAHARA CHATHURDI	Ganesh Abhishekam

Date November

4	PRADOSHAM	Shiva Abhishekam
5	NARAKA CHATURDASI	Laxmi Ganesh Puja
6	DEEPAVALI/AMAVASYA	Laxmi Puja
7	JAIN NEW YEAR	
7	ANNAKOOT	Speciall Puja
7	GOVARDHAN POOJA	
7	BHAI DOOJ	
9	NAGULA CHAVITHI	
10	JAIN GNAN PANCHAMI	
13	SKANDA SHASTI	Spl Puja
18	TULASI VIVAH	Tulsi mataji Wedding Ceremony
20	JAIN CHAUMASI CHAUDAS-3	
21	MAHA SATYANARAYANA PUJA	5.30 pm to 7.30 pm
21	KARTIKA POORNIMA	
22	KRITTIKA	Kartikeya Abhishekam
25	SANKATAHARA CHATHURDI	Ganesh Abhishekam

Date December

4	MAHA RUDRABHISHEKAM	108 times Abhishek
4	PRADOSHAM	Shiva Abhishekam
5	AMAVASYA	
16	DHANUR MASAM BEGINS	Nitya Puja
17	VAIKUNTA EKADASI/GEETHA JAYANTHI	Special Dwara Puja
18	SHANI TRAYODASI	Sani Puja
19	KRITTIKA	Kartikeya Abhishekam
21	POORNIMA/DATTATREYA JAYANTHI	Shri Satyanarayana Puja
25	SANKATAHARA CHATHURDI	Ganesh Abhishekam

Note:

Samohika Satyanarayana Vratam /puja/katha will be performed on every full moon day.

Regular Abhishekams will be performed for:

1. Lord Shiva on every Pradosham.
2. Lord Subramanya (Murugan) on every Krittika.
3. Lord Ganesh on every Sankatahara Chathurdi.

"ARTIST OF THE MONTH" is usually scheduled for every third Sunday of the month.

Please refer to the Temple notice board and Temple website for details or changes.

Please contact Raja Govindrajan or Temple Manager for any questions.

*All Dates are subject to change with out notice. Please contact punditji for the exact dates and timings.

Makara Sankranti and Goda Kalyanam

MakaraSankranti is about transition of [Sun](#) into Capricorn on its celestial path. This is significant considering the [Winter Solstice](#) marks the beginning of the gradual increase of the duration of the day. Traditionally, this has been one of many harvest days. The day on which the sun begins its journey northwards is referred to as Makara Sankranti. Sankramana means "to commence movement".

Because of the geography and size of India, this festival is celebrated for innumerable reasons depending on the climate, agricultural environment, cultural background and location. It is celebrated In Gujarat and Maharashtra by flying colorful kites. In North India, this period is celebrated as new harvest time. In Southern India it's the new crop festival Pongal and lasts for 3 days. In Karnataka, by sharing of Yellu (til) with friends and family. In Punjab, it is called as Lohri, where Sweets, sugarcane and rice are thrown in the bonfires, around which friends and relatives gather together.

Read more about Sankranti at <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sankranthi>

Kalynotsvam It is believed that Goda (also referred to as Sri Andal) is an Avatar of Sri Bhudevi , one of the consosrts of Sriman Narayana. Goda is revered as one of the twelve mystic saints called Azhwaars who together composed 4000 verses collectively referred to as the Divya Prabandham. She composed two poems. Thiruppaavai , which is recited every morning during Dhanurmasa and Naachiyar Thirumozhi, which describes her longing for union with the Lord.

Please see the Flyer for details about the celebration at HTCC.



Hindu Temple and Cultural Center of Kansas City

presents

MakaraSankranthi, Lohri and Srinivasa Maha Kalyana Utsavam

Makara Sankranthi is one of the most auspicious days for the Hindus and is celebrated in almost all parts of India. HTCC has planned various activities to celebrate this auspicious day and invite all devotees to be part of the festivities.

Date: Saturday, 16th January, 2010

Location: HTCC Big Community Hall

Program	
Time	Event
9.00am	Venkateswara Suprabhatam
9.30am	Nityaradhana/Shodasopachara pooja
10.30am	Srinivasa(Balaji) Maha Kalyan Utsavam with Sridevi Kalyanam with Bhudevi(Godadevi) Tiruppavai Recitation
12:30 pm	MAHA PRASAD (lunch)
2:00 PM	Bon-Fire and Lohri Celebration

Kalyan Utsavam Sponsorship.....\$ 101.00

Please contact the temple at 913-631-7519 for details.



JANUARY 2010	Event	CELEBRATION
1ST FRIDAY	NEW YEARS DAY	7:30 p.m. Sri Lakhmi Ganesh Ji (Special) pushpa archana
4TH MONDAY	Sankathara Chathurdhi	7:00 p.m. Ganeshji Abhishekam
9TH SATURDAY	Makaravilakku & Kettumuruku	5.00 - 8.30 pm Puja & Deeksha Ayyappa Seva Sangam Incharge
13TH WEDNESDAY	Bhogi/Lohri/Dhanurmasa puja ends Pradosham	7:00 p.m. Balaji, Andal Abhishekam 6:00 p.m. Shiva Abhishekam
14TH THURSDAY	Uttarayana Punyakalam/Thai Pongal Makara Sankraanthi	
15TH FRIDAY	Amavasya	
16TH SATURDAY	Srinivasa MahaKalyana Mahotsavam Goda Kalyanam	10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Big Community Hall 2:00 pm Bon Fire/Lohri Celebration
20TH WEDNESDAY	Shri Panchami & Vasantha Panchami	
22ND FRIDAY	Radha Saptami (Surya Jayanthi)	10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Lord Suryanarayana Bhagavan Abhisheksham
24TH SUNDAY	India Republic Day Celebrations	11.00 am to 12.00 noon - IAKC with support from HTCC and Regional Organizations
26TH TUESDAY	Bheeshma Eekadasi	5:30 p.m. Sri Vishnu Sahasranama Parayana
26TH TUESDAY	Krittika	6:30 p.m. Kartikeya Abhishekam
30TH SATURDAY	Thai Posam. Poornima	6:00 p.m. Saamoothika Satyan Narayana Puja

FEBRUARY 2010	Event	CELEBRATION
2ND TUESDAY	Sankata Hara Chathurdhi	6:30 p.m. Ganesh Abhishek
12TH FRIDAY	Maha Siva raatri Mahotsavam Pradosham	10:00 a.m. Rudra Abhishekam 6:30 p.m. Shiva Abhishekam (sponsors)
12TH FRIDAY	Samooohika Shiva Puja Abhishekam	Hourly 6:00 p.m. thru 11:00 p.m. 11.00 pm - 12.00 midnight Special Siva
13TH SATURDAY	Amavasya	
21ST SUNDAY	Krittika	6:00 p.m. Kartikeya Abhishekam By Sponsors
27TH SATURDAY	Jain Chaumasi Chaudas I	Program Discuss with Jain Group
27TH SATURDAY	Shri Satyanarayana Puja	6:00 p.m. Samooohika Satyan Narayana Puja
28TH SUNDAY	Rang Barse Mela	Food Mela Inside the Temple 11.00 am to 2.00 pm
28TH SUNDAY	Holi Havan	Puja / Bonfire Outside 2.00 to 4.00 pm

**HINDU TEMPLE & CULTURAL CENTER
WISH YOU AND YOUR FAMILIES
A VERY
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** HTCC 2010 Calendar is available to the devotees against nominal donation of \$3.00 each. Please make sure to get your calendar on your next visit to the temple.

** Yearly Membership of \$25 for 2010 is also due. Please renew it and show your support to the temple.

MARCH 2010	Event	CELEBRATION
4TH THURSDAY	Sankatahara Chathurdhi	6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Ganesh Abhishekham
13TH SATURDAY	Sani Trayodasi	
14TH SUNDAY	Prodosam	5.00 pm to 6.00 pm Siva Abhishekam
15TH MONDAY	Amavaasya	
16TH TUESDAY	Sri Vikruti Nama Samvatsaram Prarambham / Gudi Paadwa	7:00 p.m. Panchaanga Sravanam Laxmi Ganesh ji Asthana Puja
16TH TUESDAY	Rama Navaratri Start	Telugu Kannada Marati New Year Day Ugadi
21ST SUNDAY	Krittika	6:00 p.m. Kartikeya Abhishekam
22ND MONDAY	Jain Ayambil Oli - 1 Start	
24TH WEDNESDAY	Shri Rama Navami / Sitarama Kalyan Mahotsavam	6:30 p.m. Seetharama Kalyanotsavam by Sponsors
27TH WEDNESDAY	Akanda Ramayana Path	Starts 27 March 2010 @ 10.00 am through 28 March 2010 noon @ 12.30 noon Aarthi & Prasad
28TH SUNDAY	Lord Mahavir Janma Kalyanak	
29TH MONDAY	Chaitra Poornima 7:00 p.m. No Rudrabhishekaum	6:00 p.m. Samooohika Satya Narayana Puja
30TH TUESDAY	Jain Ayambil Oli 1 End	

HTCC RECOGNITION PLAQUES

Our volunteers have spent many hours reviewing every single name in the Donors list developed to make the recognition Plaque. We have done our due diligence in making sure that they are all correct. The list has been updated again based on your feedbacks and has been posted at the Temple entrance on 12/20/09 for your Final verification. Please review your names for proper spelling, category etc. A duplicate listing has been filed in a Binder in Temple Managers' office. Please see one of the Managers to sign-off on your names, even if it is correct. This will give us a last chance to make any last minute changes you may have.

FINAL DEADLINE TO GET YOUR CORRECTIONS: JANUARY 15, 2010.

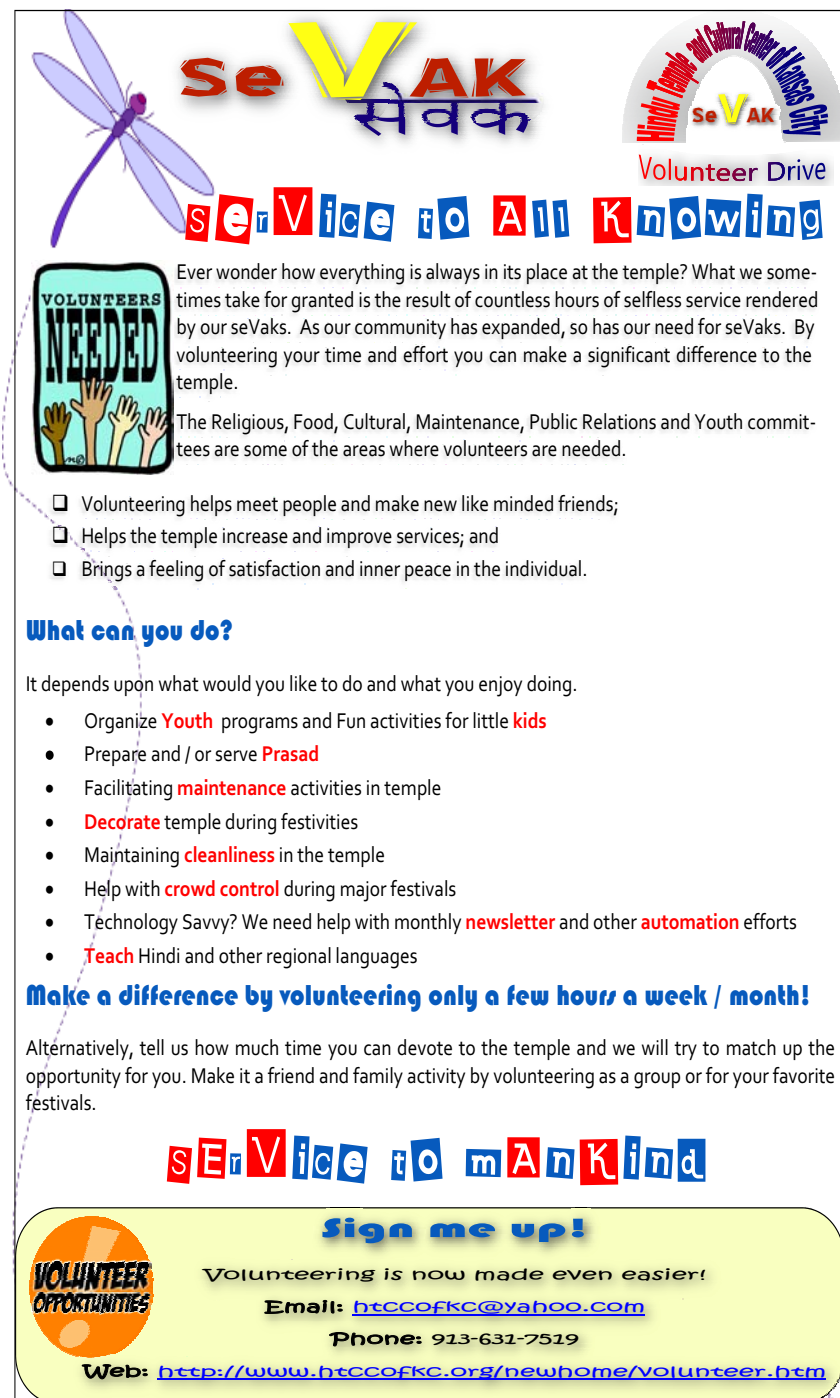
Alternately, you can email the following people to make any changes:

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Hasu Doshi	hdoshi@fsc-inc.com

We want to thank you all for your continued support and contributions.

Wish you all a happy new year, 2010.

Keshava Kote
Fund Raising Committee Chairman, HTCC



The poster features a purple dragonfly on the left, the 'SeVAK' logo in Hindi and English, and a circular logo for 'Hindu Temple and Cultural Center of Kansas City' with 'SeVAK' and 'Volunteer Drive' text. The main title is 'Service to All Knowing' in colorful block letters. Below it is a 'VOLUNTEERS NEEDED' sign with hands raised. The text explains the need for volunteers and lists benefits. A 'What can you do?' section lists various tasks. At the bottom, it says 'Make a difference by volunteering only a few hours a week / month!' and provides contact information for volunteering opportunities.

SeVAK
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Service to All Knowing

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Ever wonder how everything is always in its place at the temple? What we sometimes take for granted is the result of countless hours of selfless service rendered by our seVaks. As our community has expanded, so has our need for seVaks. By volunteering your time and effort you can make a significant difference to the temple.

The Religious, Food, Cultural, Maintenance, Public Relations and Youth committees are some of the areas where volunteers are needed.

- Volunteering helps meet people and make new like minded friends;
- Helps the temple increase and improve services; and
- Brings a feeling of satisfaction and inner peace in the individual.

What can you do?

It depends upon what would you like to do and what you enjoy doing.

- Organize **Youth** programs and Fun activities for little **kids**
- Prepare and / or serve **Prasad**
- Facilitating **maintenance** activities in temple
- **Decorate** temple during festivities
- Maintaining **cleanliness** in the temple
- Help with **crowd control** during major festivals
- Technology Savvy? We need help with monthly **newsletter** and other **automation** efforts
- **Teach** Hindi and other regional languages

Make a difference by volunteering only a few hours a week / month!

Alternatively, tell us how much time you can devote to the temple and we will try to match up the opportunity for you. Make it a friend and family activity by volunteering as a group or for your favorite festivals.

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Email: htCCofKC@yahoo.com

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Web: <http://www.htCCofKC.org/newhome/Volunteer.htm>

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

**FEATURED ARTISTE FOR
January 2010
Date: Saturday, 23rd
Time: 7.00 PM Venue: HTCC
Artiste : Swati Sharma**



Swati Sharma, an engineer by profession, is a passionate music lover and is a lead vocalist with a recently formed local Indian music band. In her early years in Nagaland, India, she received basic training in singing & harmonium from Shri Narayan Bhattacharya, and then received formal training in Hindustani Classical music from Shri Subodh Ghosh (who is also a lyricist & composer). She started performing at an early age at various functions in school and local community celebrations, competitions and later in college and regional festivals winning many awards & accolades. She sings in various genres including semi-classical, ghazals, bhajans, Hindi film songs, Rabindra Sangeet, NazrulGeeti, Ragpradhan, Shyamasangeet and Bengali folk. She currently teaches music on a voluntary basis(Hindustani classical & other genres) to a small group of students (kids & adults).

She will be accompanied by Amitabh Chowdhury on the tabla, who is a well-known local artist.

India Association of Kansas City
in collaboration with regional associations



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India's 61st Republic Day Celebration

Indians both inside the country as well as abroad celebrate January 26th, the day that marks India's adoption of its constitution and its official emergence as a free and democratic country.

To commemorate this day, IAKC & HTCC in unison will celebrate this day at the Hindu Temple.

When: Sunday, January 24th, 2010 - 10:00 AM onwards
Where: HTCC, 6330 Lackman Road, Shawnee, KS
Who: Kids, adults, parents, grand parents, friends, all
What: Flag Hoisting, Dance & Cultural Program, IAKC-AGM
Entry Fee: FREE
Food: On Cash basis (Prepared by IAKC Volunteers)
Contact: Purnima 814-0130, Garima 832-4362, Usha 894-2194
www.iakc.org / www.htccokc.org



... Let us together celebrate with fervor and gaiety

PRANAYAM – YOGA SESSIONS



Swami Ramdevji Patanjali Yog peeth Haridwar Prnayam & Yoga with Breathing

HTCC is happy to announce that Yoga Sessions are on every Monday & Wednesday in new Community Hall

Time: 6.00pm to 7.30pm

Where: HTCC, New Hall

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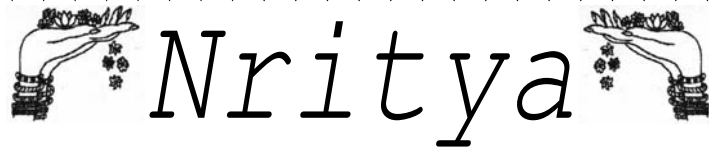
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RANG BARSE HOLI MELA



OPEN INVITATION

Come and join HINDU TEMPLE for the colorful festival of HOLI

When: Sunday 28 February 2010

Time: 11:00 to 4:00 pm

Where: Hindu Temple

Highlights include

- _ Food Mela between 11:00 - 2pm in the New Hall
- _ Homum and Puja outside in the parking lot 2:00 - 3:00 pm
- _ Playing of colors and fun for the whole family outside 3:00 - 4:00 pm

The mela will be having food stalls from 11:00 - 2:00 pm. Money collected from the food will be the donation to the temple.

For setting up a stall, please contact any of the following members:

- | | |
|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| Temple - 913 631-7519; | Usha S - 913 894-2194 |
| Alka G - 913 663-2142; | Madhukar G - 913 486-4444 |
| Srini B - 913 681-2302; | Sandeep M - 913 271-5433 |

Hindu Temple and Cultural Center

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AND

AYAPPA SEVA SANGHAM

Celebrates Makaravilakku Pooja and Kettumurukku

Time: 8:00 AM to 11.00 AM

Date: Saturday, January 9th 2010

Venue: Main Hall

Devotees interested in observing Vrutham/austerities for taking irumudikettu are advised to contact Temple priest Shri Srinivasacharyulu. 11 days Vrutham is recommended for taking Irumudikettu. Temple Priest may initiate Deeksha to Devotees for Kettumurukku.

Lord Ayyappa was born from the union of Siva and Vishnu. Lord Ayyappa represents both Vishnu and Shiva in one Divinity, He is worshipped both as Protector and Deliverer. Makara Vilakku Pooja commemorates the day on which idol of Lord Ayyappa or Dharma Sastha was enshrined in the Sabarimala temple and is the most important event to be conducted at Sabarimala. It is also a special time for devotees of Lord Ayyappa who undertake the pilgrimage to Sabari hills where they offer prayers and converge to witness a spectacle called Makara Jyoti or heavenly light.

Interestingly, Lord Ayyappa Idol at our temple was installed on a Makara Sankranti day of January 13th, 2008.

For more information please contact:

Hindu Temple - 913 631 7519; Saji - 913 -579-2387; Gopakumar - 913-544-7282

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